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"DARLING SPRING" who for several days has been laid up with a cold, is out again, and seems quite like herself.

"THE melancholy days" are not all in the autumn time of the year, for the spring housecleaning has as dampening effect as falling leaves and fading flowers upon some natures, especially those of the masculine gender.

ROBERT J. REYNOLDS, ex-Governor asked the Legislature for \$2,000 for signing checks to distribute the income tax fund while he filled the gubernatorial office, but the Legislature had a "freak" of honesty and refused to grant Robert's request, "and the blow almost killed father."

USE AND ABUSE OF THE WHEEL.
And now just as everybody has gotten a wheel and a pretty and becoming cycling costume a learned man of the medical profession, Dr. William Edgar Darnall, comes out in a convincing article in a Medical journal pointing out injurious results from bicycle riding, the handle bars and saddle being the special objects of his condemnation.

With the depressed handle bars the lungs, which should have the fullest play in their expansion, are compressed, and the heart's action is to some extent interfered with by the pressure and becomes overworked and the rider becomes a round-shouldered, hollow-chested deformity. The saddle injures are also of a very serious character. If an improper saddle is used—one with the pommel—the cutaneous nerve terminals are constantly irritated by the undue friction, which may in time develop into a permanent disorder of delicate organs.

Bicycle riders, therefore, Dr. Darnall urges, should use only straight handle bars and maintain an upright position while in the saddle. The latter says, he should be without a pommel.

A bad saddle, the forward position in riding, overtaxing the strength by long rides and an abuse of the wheel, especially by women, will be followed by untold suffering. "It is time," concludes Dr. Darnall, "that physicians should study the question of the use and abuse of the bicycle so that a timely word of warning may be given."

CURRENT EVENTS.

Cornelius VanCott was this week appointed by President McKinley to be Post Master of New York City.

President Faure, of France, is busy learning Russian, in anticipation of his approaching visit to the Czar.

Bishop Bowman (Methodist), now eighty years old, has bought a home in Evanston, Ill., in which he will spend the remainder of his days.

Women may now practice law in the Canadian courts, but they are barred headed and wearing a black gown over a black dress, with white collars and cuffs.

Among the candidates for the postoffice at Media, Penn., is Miss Hattie Gaul, who was a teacher of Mrs. McKinley when the latter was a student at Brooke Hall Seminary, in Media; more than thirty years ago.

Senator Mason, of Illinois, says that it cost him half of his salary last month to write letters to office seekers. And even then he has to spend some hours every day in seeing personally office-seekers who call on him.

Some of the English journals report that the Queen has again offered a peerage to Mr. Gladstone, which he has again refused; it is added that the honor may possibly be conferred upon his grandson, who is the heir of his Hawarden estates.

James B. Gentry who was under sentence of death for the murder of Judge York, has had his sentence commuted to imprisonment for life. But he was convicted of deliberately shooting and killing his sweet-heart, being prompted by jealousy.

At a big athletic meet, to be held in Chicago on June 26, only railway cripples will be allowed to compete. The National Association of Railway Cripples now has a membership of 1,500, and many of them, with the aid of artificial legs and arms, have become noteworthy athletes.

The Rev. Samuel May, of Worcester, Mass., the well-known abolitionist, was 87 years old last week. He was graduated from Harvard in 1829, and in his class were Oliver Wendell Holmes, William Henry Channing, the Rev. S. F. Smith and many others who afterwards attained distinction in various walks of life. He was the friend and associate of all the great abolition leaders.

The legislators of the Argentine Republic have introduced a law which says that after the first day of January, 1897, every male from the age of twenty to eighty shall pay a monthly tax till he marries. Candidates of either sex who without legitimate motive reject the addresses of him or her who may aspire to her or his hand must pay the sum of 500 piasters for the benefit of the poor.

Mr. Wanamaker declines to be a candidate for State Treasurer for Pennsylvania. He says that he prefers to assist the movement for better government by marching in the ranks rather than as a standard-bearer, but he calls the attention of the League to the election this year of Governor and other State officers, and the election by the Legislature chosen next year of a United States Senator, urging that every effort be used to elect the best man to represent the people, and that a government of the people may supplant the present government of the bosses.

A stock company is proposed, with a large capital, to exploit the Kneipp cure, and as the outfit involved in wading barefoot in wet grass is slight the dividend ought to bear a satisfactory proportion to the investment. That is about all that the cure amounts to, and anyone who desires can practice it in private, with no regard to the effort of monopolists to make a corner in the exercise. Meantime Father Kneipp, the founder of the remedial school bearing his name, is dying at his home in Germany, not having been able to move for some time.

Don't Forget That
J. Frank Brinkerhoff, specialist in lesions for the eye, will again be in Middletown on Tuesday May the 4th at Mr. Massey's jewelry store, where examination for all forms of defective sight will be thoroughly and scientifically made. Examination free.

MIDDLETOWN SCHOOL MATTERS.

DEAR SIR:—While not taking share or part in the Gilpin-Hukill quarrel, I was interested in reading your historical sketch and comments on the "Trustees of the Middletown Academy," in so far as they relate to our public school system. The meat of the matter in my opinion is the question: "Is this corporation of a public nature?" If not, the public has no right to any information, nor would I seek any. But, if it is, the public has such right, and the fact that these Trustees appoint three of their number as members of the Board of Education, who have charge of our schools, would seem to make them at least of a quasi-public nature. Their action as Trustees has been of a migratory character, and every thing that has been secured for the schools has been given grudgingly, considering their resources are as great as stated in your issue of last week. It is true that they have furnished the furniture but it certainly is not of a luxurious kind. They also furnished the steam heating apparatus but when an accident happened through the carelessness of an employee who was chosen by the votes (in part) of three of the trustees, they refused to pay the bill of repairs.

It is now stated that the Trustees have notified the Board of Education that they must be paid on the old Department No. 4, although it has no use for the building. What right have the Trustees to charge rent for a building for school purposes and the same time claim exemption from taxes on the ground that they are of a charitable nature and used for school purposes? I hope this matter will be kept before the public at least until the time for a school election arrives when the school voters will have an opportunity to elect two commissioners, who should be elected pledged to resist the payment of any rent for a school house while the present system is in force.

TAX PAYER.

Easter at Bethlehem.
A Middletown lady who spent Easter at the quaint old Moravian town of Bethlehem, Pa., writes us a very interesting account of the Easter festival as it was celebrated there on Sunday by the Moravians, the oldest Protestant denomination in existence. She says: "We were awakened very early in the morning, while it was yet dark, by hearing the celebrated trombone choir, composed of twelve or fourteen men who started out about 3.30 in the morning to awaken the people. After a hasty cup of coffee we hurried to the church supposing we would have no difficulty in getting seats but to our dismay we found the vast church, holding nearly three thousand people, packed to the vestibules and steps. But we obtained our way through to the door where we had a good view of the church, all aglow with lights and beautiful with floral decorations, the handsomest I had ever seen. The chancel and pulpit were covered with festoons of white swiss, intertwined with smilax, wisteria and other vines and flowers. Behind the pulpit were hundreds of Easter lilies, against a background of palms and other green plants forming a bank. The exercises began at sunrise with a short service, the minister singing, 'The Lord is Risen,' and the congregation responding 'He is Risen Indeed,' at the conclusion of which service the immense congregation formed a procession led by the minister and the probation choir, the people numbering about six thousand, following to the cemetery, where the beautiful and impressive services were continued, and there in the brightness and beauty of the early morning, with the sun just gilding the hill-tops, this great throng of people assembled in the graveyard uniting their voices in prayer and praise, after which they decorated the graves, the men, women and children arranged in rows, winding in and out among the tombs, scattering flowers. The tombstones of all very plain, just flat, marble slabs. It was a great day in Bethlehem, people coming and going all day long, and yet all so orderly and quiet. I was deeply impressed with the devout worshippers who participated in these services."

KENT COUNTY.

Mrs. Catherine C. Cooper, wife of Ezekiel V. Cooper, of Smyrna, died on Tuesday aged 63 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Carter, of Dover, celebrated the fifth anniversary of their marriage on Tuesday.

Levi Syntester, a well known mechanic, of Smyrna, died on Tuesday aged 62 years. He was a veteran of the late war, having been a member of the First Delaware Regiment.

Angeline Cowgill, relict of Henry Cowgill, died at the home of Jacob S. Cowgill Tuesday afternoon, aged 8 years. Remains were interred in Friends' Burying Ground at Little Creek Thursday afternoon.

J. W. Brown, of Ledge, was drowned in the Delaware bay off Ledge creek early Monday morning. He was in a skiff sailing out a sturgeon seine when the schooner which he was employed on, ran into the skiff and upset it.

Nora, the eight year old daughter of Thomas Holleger, of near Woodside, was passing a heap of burning brush last Friday when her clothing became ignited and consumed. The child was horribly burned and died on Saturday.

MY MARYLAND.

One hundred and eighty-two citizens of North East, irrespective of party, have signed a petition asking for the retention of Postmaster Sturgeon, of that town.

Mrs. Mary J. Lake, of Bohemia Manor, has just been paid \$25.00 by the Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York, the insurance on the life of her late husband, William Lake.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Mina B. Reynolds, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Reynolds, of Port Deposit, and Valentine Thomas, of Wilmington, Del., in the home of Mr. E. Church, Port Deposit, Tuesday, April 27, at 6.45 o'clock.

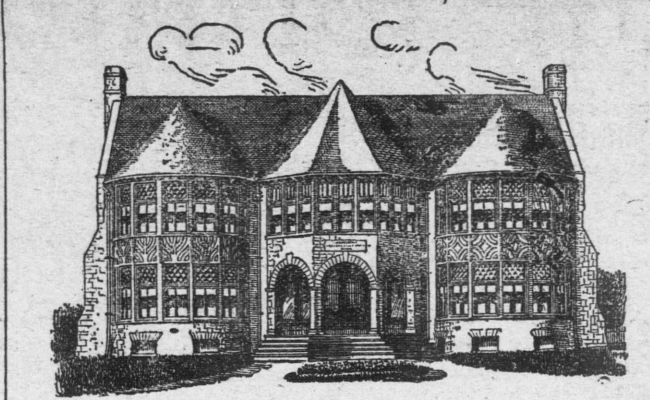
At a recent meeting of the public school board of Somerset county it was decided that a reduction of 10 per cent. should be made in the salaries of all teachers and officers, commencing with the next scholastic year. It was also decided that no new school house should be built and that no repairs on old ones should be made except in extreme cases, for the present at least. This action was decided upon because expenses have increased, while the funds for school purposes have not.

Several hundred acres have been planted in strawberries in the neighborhood of Bridgeville this spring.

W. S. Hallett, of Milford, a recent graduate in dentistry from the University of Pennsylvania, will open an office in Laurel.

According to a recent census the population of Milford is 3446. The town has 120 business houses.
Harvey P. Quattlander and Miss Annie L. Pettigrew were married at noon Wednesday at the residence of the bride's father, Hon. E. W. Houston, at Millboro. Mr. Quattlander is an architect of New York City. Only the near relatives of the parties were present. Rev. Paul Quattlander, of Newark, N. J., father of the groom, performed the ceremony.

Our Motto: Better Schools, Better Teachers, Better Salaries.



ALEXIS I. DU PONT SCHOOL BUILDING.

Teachers' Round Table

Conducted by Prof. A. R. Spaid, Highlands, Delaware.

All teachers and friends of Education in New Castle County and the teachers of Kent and Sussex are invited to take seats.

(All persons who take an interest in this column should send their names and address for enrollment.)

Maine is the second state in the union to provide for skilled supervision of rural schools. Massachusetts was the first to start such a plan. Each supervisor will receive a salary of not less than \$1500 per annum, yet Maine is so unfortunate as not to have any saloons from which to derive a revenue. Strange that that state can have any schools at all. We are told that Delaware could not have schools, if we had no saloons.

More is being said than ever about birds this spring. Many persons realize that unless something is done, and done quickly to protect the birds that our little feathered friends will be exterminated. One writer declares that "three causes are leading to the destruction of bird life in this country: the wanton killing of birds by so-called sportsmen, the use of dead birds or parts thereof as ornaments on women's hats, and the making of collections of nests and eggs. The first is indefensible, the second is a reproach to women, and the third is a reproach to us all. We should be restricted to collections for public information, like the Smithsonian Institution. The human race would miss the birds if they were gone."

Teachers, can it, if they will, create such a sentiment among school children that the present generation will protect the birds. There can be no better subject for essays, and we hope that every member of the Round Table will urge the children to try for the prizes which we have offered. Let every teacher call the attention of her pupils to the conditions governing the contest. We give them again for the benefit of the members who have joined the Round Table since the prizes were offered.

\$3.00 in prizes.

To the boy or girl, who sends in the best essay on "Birds," will be given a new two-dollar silver certificate. For the second essay the writer will receive a new one-dollar silver certificate.

CONTEST.

The contest is open to all school children of Delaware under eighteen years of age. Essays not to contain over one thousand words. Name and address of writer to be written on the first page of essay, at the upper left-hand corner. Note paper to be used and must be written on one side only. Essays not to be rolled or folded. No essay to be sent in before the 15th of May. The contest will close the 1st of June. This will give ample time to study the birds and their nests next spring.

Let every one who intends to enter this contest study the following suggestions carefully:

Learn all about birds you can from books. Watch for the birds as they come in the spring. Observe what they eat. Notice how they construct their nests and what materials they use. When you have discovered their nests, watch the parent birds as they care for their young. Write a full account of their habits.

Write a note to all your friends. All interesting facts in your notes about the doings of birds from your parents should be given in your essay. You may also tell us why birds should not be killed, why it is wrong to rob their nests, and why their feathers should not be worn on hats.

"Teacher" gives us an article this week which should be of interest to all teachers. We need to make of our school houses a little more home like. Good pictures are just as essential to the school as to the home. However, teachers should use their best judgement in selecting pictures. A cheap picture should find no place on the school room walls. A good portrait of Washington or Lincoln should be one of the first to find its place within the school. As to the pictures for recitations or temporary ornament, "teacher's" advice should be followed.

ABOUT PICTURES.

While very many teachers in the country schools find themselves handicapped by a lack of school appointments, many of them fail to avail themselves of what advantages they can which will help them best in their school work and in their efforts to arouse a greater interest on the part of parents and commissioners. One of the best and least expensive of these helps is a collection of good pictures. They can be used in so many ways that no teacher can well afford to be without them. She will use them in making her school-room attractive. The school-room must be made as cheerful and attractive as possible. The connection between environment and conduct is very close, and the better the surroundings, the higher will be the aspirations. She may collect them herself. A better way is to have the pupils bring them. They take great delight in doing this, so much that the teacher who works on this plan will often find herself with more than she can conveniently use. In this case she may take the best of those which tell some good story or teach some moral lesson, and let some of these be changed every two or three weeks so that a new interest is continually awakened. If this is carried out the parents and commissioners seeing the interest which the teacher takes to adorn the schoolroom and to make the surroundings attractive, will feel it their duty to do all they can to help her carry out her plan.

The teacher will also need pictures to help her in teaching the primary grades, particularly when she is starting classes in reading and in language. In two or four months she will be able to write a story, consisting of one sentence about each. Soon he will be able to write several sentences. The pupil in describing pictures takes his first lesson in language. Thus it lays the foundation of composition and language. There is a study in the primary grades in which these helps in

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"TEACHER."

TOWNSEND TOPICS.

Mrs. Martha Harris has been quite sick for two weeks.

Herman Taylor, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with Wm. C. Money.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stevens, of near Blackston's spent Sunday with relatives here.

All the services were well attended on Easter Sunday. Special music was rendered by the choir.

Mrs. Wm. Taylor and Mrs. Armstrong of Middletown visited Mrs. W. A. Scott on Thursday.

Mr. S. L. Tinley is improving the side walk in front of his property by putting in a stone curb.

Mrs. Sallie Rains has returned to her home at Still Pond, after a short visit to her sister, Mrs. J. S. Lattomus.

Miss Annie Atwell, of near Still Pond, and Mr. Albert Crew, of Chestertown, have been visiting friends in and near town.

Mrs. Wm. Barnett and Miss Mabel Taylor, of Middletown, were guests of Mrs. W. A. Scott and Mrs. D. B. Maloney on Thursday.

Harry and Eugene Skeggs, have visited their parents during the last week. They have both been absent from home for about three years.

Mrs. M. E. Chandler, B. W. Lockerman and D. B. Maloney attended the Sunday School Convention held in Hanover Presbyterian Church in Wilmington on Thursday.

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MAILS CLOSE.

Going north, 7:30 a. m., 10:15 a. m., 4:30 p. m.
Going south, 8:30 a. m., 4:30 p. m., 5:30 p. m.
For Poughkeepsie, Newburgh, and West Point, N. Y.,
Warwick, Ogdensburg, and Oswego, N. Y.,
8:10 a. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., APR. 24, 1897

Local News.

Sturgeon fishing will begin at Port Penn, May 1st.

Remember that J. F. McWhorter has a full line of carriage and agricultural implements on hand.

A 6000 horse belonging to G. A. Millington, of Dover, fell into well and was killed this week.

Every body uses Bragdon's Poultry Remedy, it cures 25 cents.

For best line, prompt shipment, low prices and good terms, address, J. W. LeGore, Woodboro, Md.

Its folly to lose your poultry when the use of Bragdon's Poultry Remedy is guaranteed to you for 25 cents.

The Transcript is a family newspaper and should have a place in every family in the county. Subscribe now.

John Newell, the well-known Wilmington baseball player, has signed with Manager Long, of Reading, Pa., for the coming season.

For SALE CHEAP, a five drawer Sewing Machine as good as new—never been used, sold for want of use. Apply at this office.

Mr. Wm. E. Evans will soon open a flour and feed store in the building formerly occupied by W. T. Connelley as a grocery store.

The Jackson & Sharp Company has received an order from the Virginia Beach & Southern Railroad Company for twelve passenger cars.

Ladies skirts lined all through with stiffening in bottom, made of good material, for \$1.00 at Geo. W. Peterson's, Broad and Main Street.

LeGore's Combination of Line is the cheapest because it is the best. The rock used in its manufacture contains more agricultural value.

Mr. Charles Howell has been elected Commissioner by the Town Council to fill the vacancy caused by a tie at the regular election in March.

The marriage of Rev. E. O'Gillingham, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Port Penn, to Miss Julia Clever, is announced to take place on Thursday, April 29.

The Roentgen rays have a new sphere of usefulness. By their aid chalk can be detected in flour, brick dust in cayenne pepper, sand in spices and many other familiar applications.

Mr. John T. Gears, who has been a wheelwright and blacksmith here for many years, has moved to Mt. Pleasant where he will carry on the same business.

If you want a good corn crop and at the same time get a permanent improvement for your soil, apply LeGore's Combination of Line. See agent, or address, J. W. LeGore, Woodboro, Md.

PROFESSIONAL CARD.—Dr. W. E. Barnard, Surgeon Dentist, office location, opposite the post office. All operations pertaining to dentistry guaranteed. Oculodentary and Gas for painless extracting.

The remains of John C. Powderly, of Philadelphia, were brought to Middletown on the noon train Wednesday and taken to St. Francis Xavier R. C. Cemetery for interment. He was 27 years old.

Under orders from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the newsmen on the Delaware Railroad trains are not allowed to sell cigars, chewing gum or candy, but only papers and magazines. The lady says that their profits have been split in two by the order.

Farmers do you want a big crop of tomatoes? If so, use our ammoniated Bone Mixture. It has been tried several seasons and always does the work. All grade Perennials in warehouse ready for prompt delivery. JAMES L. SHERRILL.

S. M. BRYAN, Agt.

The freezing weather of this week brings to mind the weather of a year ago in contrast, some of the warmest days of the season being experienced at that time. We were wearing shirt waists, and straw hats a year ago, and sitting on our porches and fanning ourselves.

"The Nation's Curse and How to Remove It" is the subject of a lecture to be given in Forest Presbyterian Church Monday evening, May 3d at 8 o'clock, by W. T. Dundick, the noted temperance orator of Virginia. The lecture is in the interest of the W. C. T. U. and is free to all.

Cards of invitation to the marriage of Mr. Horatio Gates Lloyd, of Philadelphia, to Miss Mary Helen Wingate, of Brooklyn, have been received by several of the Middletown friends of the prospective bridegroom, who is a native of this neighborhood. The wedding will take place on May 6, in Brooklyn.

The Young Men's Social Club has issued invitations to the dance of the season to be given in the Opera House April 20th. No effort will be spared to make it a perfect success. Price of orchestra will furnish the music. The patronesses are Mrs. Geo. F. Brady, Mrs. J. B. Ford, Mrs. Julian Cochran and Mrs. W. F. Kennedy.

There were two interesting cases tried in Squire Ferguson's court Tuesday night. Miss Addie Hazard through her attorney M. B. Burris, brought suit against Thos. Roberts for the capacity of music teacher. Lawyer T. Bayard Heisel represented Mr. Roberts but even his eloquence failed to convince the jury that it was not a just and lawful claim, and the referees were not long in giving their decision in Miss Hazard's favor. The other was a trespass case which was also decided by referees. Lawyer Burris represented the plaintiff, Chas. H. Shubert who brought action against Mr. George Duncan for trespassing on his fishing grounds. The principle point was the establishing of lines between the two properties. The case was decided in favor of Mr. Shubert.

The Railroad Company has contracted with the Light and Water Commission to supply the company with water at the depot. The tank house has not given satisfaction for some time, and the new arrangement will not only give the railroad company an abundant supply of good, pure water, but will benefit the town also as the additional patronage will make the water system of the town self sustaining. It would be a great benefit to the town if the property owners would patronize the town water. Now if the Railroad Company would put in electric lights at the station, and have a big arc light then the traveling public would be very thankful. The miserable little lights along the platform and in the waiting rooms simply intensify the darkness, and are well calculated to bewilder strangers groping their way along. There is no town of its size along this line that gives more patronage to the railroad company, and it is only fair that the company should patronize our institutions and also provide for the comfort of its patrons.

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

(If you have been away on a visit or have visitors at your home send us the news, and we will be pleased to put it in our paper. We are always pleased to put in any item of personal or local interest and cordially invite our patrons to furnish us the news.)

—Mr. J. C. C. Kelley attended the ball in Milford Monday night.

—The Victor Menckel, of the U. P. spent the Easter holidays at home.

—Odes Allen, of Clayton, spent a few days this week with his father, D. I. Allen.

—Miss Mabel Parvis spent Sunday at home and returned to Philadelphia on Monday.

—John Thomas, a colored man employed at the Kaslin works at Hockessin, was struck in the head by a wrench on Tuesday and almost instantly killed. He leaves a wife and several children.

—The dead body of John W. Hamilton, aged 32 years, was found in the stable of Levi C. Bird in Wilmington Wednesday morning. Hamilton had been drinking, and the coroner decided that he had committed suicide by taking poison.

—St. Anne's P. E. Church elected the following vestrymen on Easter Monday to serve the ensuing year. Senior Wardens, H. N. Williams and H. A. Chamberlain, vestrymen, J. B. Ford, A. M. Chamberlain, Geo. V. Peverly, Wm. G. Lockwood, M. N. Willis, N. J. Williams and Stephen Boyer.

The Delaware Construction Company of Wilmington, has contracted with the Navy Department to construct 129 culverts through the causeway to Cob creek, in the United States Navy Yard at Brooklyn. The work will cost \$46,000 and the construction is to be begun at once and to be finished as soon as practicable.

—An investigation will be made of the charges made by Christine Eisenhardt and Lena Zellner, formerly nurses at the Delaware State Hospital for the insane at Farnhurst, against Dr. Hammond, of the institution. The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held in a few weeks. Dr. Hamaker, the resident physician, will request the two nurses to all they know about the alleged cruel treatment of patients.

—Dr. L. S. Conwell, of Camden, and Dr. T. O. Moore, of Georgetown, were appointed members of the Kent County Pension Board by Commissioner of Pensions H. C. Evans. Dr. Conwell succeeds Dr. J. H. Wilson, Republican, who has been a member of the board for twelve years, and Dr. Moore succeeds E. S. Anderson, Democrat.

The consecration of the Rt. Rev. John J. Monaghan as bishop of the diocese of Wilmington of the Roman Catholic Church, will take place May 9th, in the Pro-Cathedral of St. Peter in Wilmington. The ceremonies will be conducted by Cardinal Gibbons, assisted by the retiring Bishop Rev. A. Curtis and the Bishop of Charleston. The service will begin at 10.30 A. M. and continue until 2 P. M. Admission to the ceremonies will be by ticket.

—The beautiful Easter lilies, which Mr. and Mrs. Taylor so munificently provided for the decorations in the M. E. Church, were on Monday presented by them to the sick and aged ones of the congregation who were not able to attend the public worship and the same sweet incense of the Easter service pervades many homes in town this week where these beautiful plants are blooming.

—Easter was appropriately observed in the Presbyterian Church at Port Penn. It was prettily decorated with flowers and potted plants. In the evening an elaborate exercise was rendered by the Sunday School, "Victorious King." Each class took some part either in recitations or singing. The infant class had a service especially prepared for them. There were many present and all passed off well. It was a perfect day, bright and beautiful.

—The Old STAND UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT. Having leased the Black-Smith Shop formerly occupied by Jno. T. Gears, on East Main St., and engaged Harry Elgin as foreman, I am prepared to do all kinds of Black Smith Jobbing, and will make a specialty of Horse Shoeing in all its branches. Satisfaction guaranteed at prices to suit the 1897 times. All we ask is a chance to please you, and we will do the best. T. J. SHERRILL, East Main Street, Middletown, Delaware.

—Mrs. Eliza Devereaux while returning home from church Sunday evening, fell and broke her collar bone. She was tripped accidentally by a lad who was playing with another boy, and being intent upon his play, stepped backward and against her just as she was passing. It was a very unfortunate accident. Mrs. Devereaux is quite an elderly lady, and several years ago, had an accident which so disabled her that she has since only been able to get about with the aid of crutches. She has the sympathy of many friends in her affliction.

—The Town Commissioners have given notice that one member of the Board of Light and Water Commission will be elected on Monday May 3, to succeed Dr. F. H. Hilpin. The election will be held in the Board of Trade Rooms, South Broad street from 2 to 4 o'clock P. M. Every tax payer, whether man or woman is entitled to vote at this election. The term of office is five years. Commissioners also give notice that they will call an appeal day, when the Town Council will hear appeals from the town Assessments.

Freezing Weather and the Fruit Crop. Ice early in the season has done much to help the fruit crop, and there have been heavy frosts every night and the fruit crop is believed to be seriously injured. There are so few peach trees in this neighborhood however, that the loss of that crop will not be heavily felt. But the peach growers in Kent and Sussex counties are blue over their prospects, which were very fine until this week. The crop in some localities will be a total failure, but in other the crop is very little affected. The peach buds around Laurel are much injured and at Milford some varieties in certain kinds of soil are dead, while others are not. The Elberta, late Crawford or Brandywine varieties in light sandy soil bloomed a week to ten days ago, and the flower had shed before the cold came on Monday night. These are safe. Half to four-fifths of the buds are killed. Delaware may even yet have a fair peach crop, and a fair crop always brings more money into the State than a full crop.

In Queen Anne's Md., there is a wide difference of opinion in reference to the peach crop, but it is feared that the crop has been badly damaged. The buds were out and in splendid condition when the frost came. Many of the buds show signs of the frost and a number of them have been killed. There are some, however, who hold that there will be enough to serve all the markets, but many growers expect to lose their entire crop. The blow comes not only in splendid condition when the frost came. Many of the buds show signs of the frost and a number of them have been killed. There are some, however, who hold that there will be enough to serve all the markets, but many growers expect to lose their entire crop. The blow comes not only in splendid condition when the frost came. Many of the buds show signs of the frost and a number of them have been killed. There are some, however, who hold that there will be enough to serve all the markets, but many growers expect to lose their entire crop. 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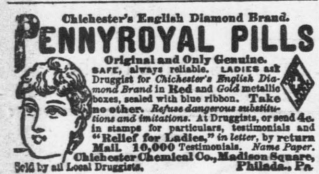
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Volunteer Hose Company, meets first Friday night of each month in Hose House.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., APR. 24, 1897

Of Interest To Farmers

CARE OF EARLY CHICKS.

Most farmer's wives have now a goodly number hatched. Early chicks pay well for a little extra care, both for early hatching and for layers next winter.

I have found the best coop—at least the best a woman can make—who is not very handy with carpenter's tools and with little spare time at her disposal,—to be a small goods box; one that will hold two bushels or more.

Split the lid into narrow strips and tack them on the box with shingle nails about two or three inches apart, leaving one end of two of the slats loose, with the nails only driven through the slats; then when the hen is tucked in at the opening, nail those two on, set the box on its side and put in the chickens.

On warm sunny days set this coop out on the sunny side of a building or in a sheltered place, so the chicks can get themselves in the warm box or run about. In the evening, after they have crept under the covers and gone to sleep, gently turn the box over with the slats up and carry into the hen-house, where they will be warm over night. On cold, rainy or snowy days leave them in the house but turn the box on its side, so the chickens can run about and get exercise and be out of the way of the hen, who will sometimes get fussy and trample them to death. It is better to feed right in the box, as chicks fed of the bare ground where it is not grassy are apt to get gapes. Be careful not to give them more than they will eat. If the box is not big enough to feed in, lay a board in front of the coop on which to throw the feed. About once a week loosen one end of two slats, take the hen out and with an old broom and a pail of water scrub the box well, and let it dry. Rub the hen well under wings and on body with a mixture of coal oil and salt pork fryings to kill and keep away lice.

Feed the chicks often, giving a variety of food, always cooked, for the first two or three weeks—scraps from the table, oat meal mush, or if corn meal, scald with boiling water. Keep plenty of clean, fresh water in a shallow vessel where it can be easily reached. When the weather gets pleasant and the ground warm and dry, knock the lower side of the box and set out on the grass, moving it about as the place gets dirty and the grass eaten off. At three or four weeks old, begin to feed some wheat or screenings.

Such is life as the sermon thus conveyed in symbol. Such is life in Mr. Sprague's henhouse. In his system of separate households each young, warm-hearted rooster is allowed to have one year of unalloyed domestic felicity. No rival can strut near to alienate their affections or force him into a fight. Existence flows on like molasses—sweet, sweeter, sweetest all the time. But with the dying year dies chancier, to be ignominiously sold, perhaps for Philadelphia capon at some fifty-cent table d'hôte in New York.

And his widows—well, his widows, as widows will often suffer from in simultaneous matrimony with some upstart younger man whom, peradventure, the immolated veteran could have kicked the feathers in one short, glorious round.

Such is life! But it must not be imagined, because we have thus dwelt on the pathetic features of Mr. Sprague's ambition to become a chicken king, that we are blind to the practical patriotism inherent in his initiative.

This stern statistician stares us in the face, as political economists, that the American people are not raising enough hens. Fowls and eggs are imported right along from England, France, and Belgium. Even Scotch eggs, following Scotch literature, are coming into our market to steal away our brains and our digestions; and as for Canada, if there were no other argument in favor of annexing her, she should not the single fact that last year she sent us 37,000,000 eggs plead trumpet tongue for such a consummation? Then, too, if our populist communities would raise more hens, they could afford to raise less Hades. We commend the hen to Kansas.—N. Y. Press.

Is there net room for a flock of geese on your farm? Study the situation.

The most inextinguishable egg-eating hen can be effectively cured by ewing the hen.

Little chicks do so enjoy sunshine. It should enter the coop from the front and not from the top.

Cultivate the egg-eating habit—in the family. This will enlarge the home market and save butchers' bills.

It is cruel to make brood coops so low and so small that the hen cannot stretch up full height or move about.

The prices of poultry products are relatively higher than poultry food. There is, we believe, a promising outlook for poultry raisers.

A generous application of lime on the chicken-yard and in the sheds and runs is now order. It may prove a cheap prevention of disease.

Cannot our present system of getting eggs from the farm to consumers be improved? Fresh eggs would improve the consumers' appetites for them.

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RAISE MORE HENS.

C. W. Sprague, a gay and sprightly drummer for a New York firm, has recently delivered a lecture in St. Paul, Minn., on the broad, patriotic platform of Plymouth Rock. Not the sacred stone, not the marvelous trowers of that name with which Boston for years has striven to clothe the ether universe, but the ungainly fowl that struts about under halo of that holy appellation.

Ungainly is a term, we admit, applicable only to the shape and carriage of the bird since, according to Mr. Sprague, there is more grain derivable from an investment in Plymouth Rocks than from the traditional answer who laid the Golden Egg. One hen of this tribe, says our peripatetic Professor of useful, not ornamental, ornithology, will lay annually a five-dollar gold piece. And, as he does not qualify this by an exception of Bryan States, we may conclude that even in the dullest Cleveland era the Plymouth Rock hen has always stood, or sat, ready to do her duty by the country—an example to the Democracy by which it would do well to profit; though, of course, it never will.

Mr. Sprague is not a mere theorist, as most professors are. He is a practical politician in poultry, and at his home in Chatsaugay, New York, on a five-acre farm, he has an interesting family of 3,000 chickens, which, he declares, take not only less trouble to raise, but are far more remunerative proportionately than cows or horses. Most of his chicks, we grieve to note, are not hatched in the orthodox fashion, but shelled out by wholesale, to the hot water lullaby tune of the modern emotionless incubator. The loss in this process appears rather high—viz., about 25 per cent. on the eggs—but, other points considered, it is cheaper by far in the long run; and, though it seems cruel to deprive tender hens of a chance to exercise the most precious privileges of maternity, we must remember that we live in an age of system, not sentimentality. Why should hens be an exception to the spread of the doctrine of scientific Socialism?

Mr. Sprague has introduced system into every part of his henhouse. He has divided it into households on the Mormon plan, or perhaps, to speak more closely, on the Aztec plan; since every reader of Prescott's "History of Mexico" will remember how a beautiful youth, without mole or blemish, used to be chosen, pampered like a prince for a year with the costliest dainties, the rubiest wines, the sweetest flowers of the field and of the affections, then suddenly stripped of all his possessions and his glorious feather work garments crusted gems to be carried by the dark priests in procession up the winding sides of the too-cali, slapped on to a sacrificial slab and cut open by the High Priests, who plucked forth the victim's heart, flung it up toward the Sun, while the clerical gentlemen roundabout ululated in solemn chorus.

Such is life as the sermon thus conveyed in symbol. Such is life in Mr. Sprague's henhouse. In his system of separate households each young, warm-hearted rooster is allowed to have one year of unalloyed domestic felicity. No rival can strut near to alienate their affections or force him into a fight. Existence flows on like molasses—sweet, sweeter, sweetest all the time. But with the dying year dies chancier, to be ignominiously sold, perhaps for Philadelphia capon at some fifty-cent table d'hôte in New York.

And his widows—well, his widows, as widows will often suffer from in simultaneous matrimony with some upstart younger man whom, peradventure, the immolated veteran could have kicked the feathers in one short, glorious round.

Such is life! But it must not be imagined, because we have thus dwelt on the pathetic features of Mr. Sprague's ambition to become a chicken king, that we are blind to the practical patriotism inherent in his initiative.

This stern statistician stares us in the face, as political economists, that the American people are not raising enough hens. Fowls and eggs are imported right along from England, France, and Belgium. Even Scotch eggs, following Scotch literature, are coming into our market to steal away our brains and our digestions; and as for Canada, if there were no other argument in favor of annexing her, she should not the single fact that last year she sent us 37,000,000 eggs plead trumpet tongue for such a consummation? Then, too, if our populist communities would raise more hens, they could afford to raise less Hades. We commend the hen to Kansas.—N. Y. Press.

Is there net room for a flock of geese on your farm? Study the situation.

The most inextinguishable egg-eating hen can be effectively cured by ewing the hen.

Little chicks do so enjoy sunshine. It should enter the coop from the front and not from the top.

Cultivate the egg-eating habit—in the family. This will enlarge the home market and save butchers' bills.

It is cruel to make brood coops so low and so small that the hen cannot stretch up full height or move about.

The prices of poultry products are relatively higher than poultry food. There is, we believe, a promising outlook for poultry raisers.

A generous application of lime on the chicken-yard and in the sheds and runs is now order. It may prove a cheap prevention of disease.

Cannot our present system of getting eggs from the farm to consumers be improved? Fresh eggs would improve the consumers' appetites for them.

In Rhode Island a new kind in feeding geese has been tried. Fall soon ripe, spring soon out and peas and sweet corn will, it is said, furnish pasture sufficient for 200 geese per acre.

Reduced Rates to New York by Pennsylvania Railroad.

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